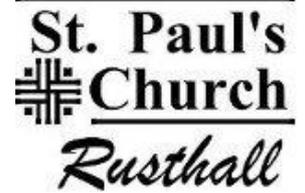


**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**  
**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**PASSIONTIDE**



**Collect for the Week**

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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- 8.00 am**      **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
President and Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am**      **Matins (BCP)**  
Minister and Preacher: Reverend Nicholas Burton
- 10.00 am**      **Family Service with Baptism + Zoom**  
President: The Vicar    Link: Chris Bassett
- Hymns: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the  
Holy one is here  
I am a new creation
- Reading: Romans 8. 6 – 11 (page 1134 NIV)
- 4.00 pm**      **Taizé Service** at the Church Centre with Tim Harrold
- 6.30 pm**      **Eucharist (CW)**  
President and Preacher: The Vicar

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> March

9.00 am **Morning prayer at the Parish Church – the Vicar**  
10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer

### TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup>

*Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian canon, mystic 1396*  
*Paul Courturier, priest, ecumenist, 1953*  
*Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, martyr, 1980*  
Parish Office closed  
2.00 pm Lent Group at the Sanctuary with Tim Harrold

### WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup>

*The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9.00 am **Morning prayer at the Church Centre – Tim Harrold**  
9.00 am Playtime at St Paul's  
10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer

### THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup>

*Harriet Monsell, founder of the Community of St John the Baptist*

10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer  
11.30 am **Holy Communion at the Church Centre- the Vicar**  
12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre  
7.30 pm Living Hope at the Sanctuary, weekly during Lent

### FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup>

*Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, missionary, 687*

10.00 am Church Centre open for private prayer  
12.30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre  
6.30pm Junior Choir practise  
7.30 pm Full Choir practise

### SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café

### NEXT SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**PALM SUNDAY** British Summertime begins. Clocks go forward one hour.

8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
President and Preacher: The Vicar  
10.00 am **Parish Eucharist**  
**President:** The Vicar: Minister: Tim Harrold  
10.00 am **Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom**  
Lead: Wendy Anderson Link: Rosemary Romano  
10.00 am – 4.00 pm Choristers Café  
6.30 pm **Evensong**  
Minister: The Vicar Preacher; The Vicar

### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Easter Service for**

9.30 am Rusthall, St Paul's School at the Parish Church

**HOLY WEEK – SEE SEPARATE SHEET**

## NEWS AND NOTES

### The Vicarage

Greetings and a very warm welcome to our services today, the fifth Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday, the beginning of Passiontide when we commence our solemnly intense focus on the suffering and death of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. As we continue our journey through Lent, I pray that we may renew our resolve to be reservoirs of God's grace and channels of his peace and love.

**Parish Office:-** The Parish Office has unfortunately been unable to send or receive emails this week. If you have been waiting for a response please accept my apologies over the delay. Hopefully, the problem will be resolved as soon as possible.

### Notice

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO EVENSONG SERVICE ON EASTER DAY.

**Easter Day Lilly/Lillies:-** Please be advised there is an ample supply of request forms behind the font for anyone wishing to give an Easter Lily/Lillies. Simply complete the form and place in the white envelope provided.

### YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for someone to serve as Secretary of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). The role of the Secretary is to:

1. Take the Minutes at the PCC meetings and circulate them to the PCC.
2. Prepare the agenda with the Vicar for the PCC meetings.
3. Prepare and distribute documents for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and take minutes for the meeting.
4. Act as the 'official' liaison between the Parish and The Diocese of Rochester.

The PCC meets for at most two hours on a 6/7 - week cycle. Please speak to Ronnie, May or Chris Dobson if you are interested to serve as the PCC Secretary.

### CAN YOU HELP?

Following a recent strategy meeting the church is looking for the following:

1. A co-ordinator to mastermind the Annual Church Fayre
2. Someone to co-ordinate our marketing strategy
3. A St. Paul's Alumni co-ordinator to reach out to St. Paul's Alumni and friends, local, national and International.

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact either:

Angela Culley. 07779098026 or [culley.angela@yahoo.com](mailto:culley.angela@yahoo.com)

Tim Harrold, Lay Minister, 07413805814 or [finance@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk](mailto:finance@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk)

Angela

## **APCM**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place at the Church Centre at 7.45 pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Papers for this meeting will be circulated in due course. During the meeting we will be looking to elect Church Wardens and members to the PCC. If you are interested to serve as a Warden or a member of the PCC please contact Ronnie, May or Chris Dobson.

## **The Church Youth Council**

The Youth Council is busy, fun and flourishing. New members are always very welcome. We are also looking for enthusiastic and committed helpers.

Please contact Angela (07779098026) or Jean Kerr (jeankerr@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk). Future meetings:

**OUR APRIL MEETING WILL BE A TREAT!** To be announced.

**Thursday 7th May.** Talk by Anne Krisman Goldstein. The story of The Beacon

**Thursday 4th June.** Inspirational Talk 'Nothing is impossible!

**Saturday 6th June.** We are helping at the Commons Fun Day 6 pm to 7.30pm in The Lodge. All children of secondary school age welcome. Please don't feel shy - we are very welcoming and love meeting new friends!

## **EXCITING NEWS - "I am Mark" Production**

It is with great excitement and anticipation that we can announce that 2026 will see an inaugural Shirley Barter Memorial Production. On 18<sup>th</sup> July we will be presenting "I am Mark", a daring new staging of the Gospel of Mark. Re-enacted by one person, "I am Mark" takes us through all the stories and drama in Mark's Gospel and presents it in the same way that the very first Christians would have experienced it. Performed in front of sell out audiences at both Rochester Cathedral and Edinburgh Fringe Festival, this is an event not to be missed. Tickets are now on sale via our website. See posters in The Lodge, Church and Church Centre for details. We expect tickets to sell quickly so please make sure you book yours soon.

































































## **Choir Concerts**

Please purchase your tickets for the Choir's performance of **Handel's Messiah** featuring the iconic **Hallelujah chorus**. The performance will be on **Saturday 4th April at 6.30pm**. Tickets are available from the Parish Office at a cost of £10 or can be purchased online via our website [www.stpaulsrusthall.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsrusthall.org.uk), Eventbrite <https://stpaulshandelsmessiah.eventbrite.co.uk> or via the QR Code on posters at a cost of £10 plus booking fee. All proceeds go towards the Organ Restoration Fund." Tickets selling fast!

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